# SSMENT FACT SHEET

#### What is the ParaPro Assessment?

The ParaPro Assessment is for prospective and practicing paraprofessionals. It measures skills and knowledge in reading, math and writing, and the ability to apply those skills and knowledge to assist in classroom instruction.

#### What is the format and length of the test?

This  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hour test consists of 90 multiple-choice questions in reading, writing and math. Approximately two-thirds of the questions focus on basic skills and knowledge, and the remaining one-third focuses on applying those skills and knowledge in a classroom setting.

# What language is the test?

The test is in English.

# How is the test given?

The test is given in paper- and Internet-based formats.

#### How much does the test cost?

The test fee is \$45. The fee is non-refundable.

#### When can I take the test?

The Internet-based test is given continually throughout the year in participating school districts. The paper-based test is offered <u>four times per testing year</u>.

#### How do I register?

**Internet-based test**: Pre-registration is not required for this test. This test is administered only in participating school districts. Contact your district's administrative office for availability in your area.

Paper-based test: Download a Bulletin and complete the registration form (PDFs)

To complete the registration form, follow the instructions in the Bulletin.

# Where can I take the test?

**Internet-based test:** This test is only given in participating school districts. Contact your district's administrative office for availability in your area.

**Paper-based test:** Locations are selected by you when you register. See <u>Test Centers</u> for a list of paper-based testing locations in your area, or the <u>ParaPro Assessment 2007-08</u> <u>Information and Registration Bulletin</u> (PDF).

# **How are scores reported?**

**Internet-based test:** Your unofficial scores are available onscreen and can be printed at the end of the test. Your official score report is mailed approximately two weeks after the test date, and is automatically reported to the school district that purchased the assessment. **Paper-based test:** Your score report is mailed approximately four weeks after the test date, and is automatically reported to your designated recipient. See the <u>Score Reporting</u> page for more information.

A copy of your scores is automatically sent to the state's Title I office if you test in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee or Virginia.



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score in Connecticut is 457.

# What test preparation is available?

ETS has developed a <u>study guide and a practice test</u> for test takers to prepare for the Assessment. The free <u>Test at a Glance</u> (PDF) and other <u>useful tips</u> are also available.

# Are there accommodations for persons with disabilities or whose primary language is not English?

If you have a disability, you can ask for accommodations. The Registration bulletin tells you how you can qualify for these. Access information also at the ParaPro Home Page & click on "Test Takers with Disabilities" for more information. You can also call Disability Services at 1-866-387-8602; 1-609-771-7780 or TTY (for callers who are deaf or hard-of-hearing) 1-609-771-7714; fax: 1-609-771-7165.

If your Primary Language is Not English (PLNE), you can ask for extended time in test taking. The Registration Bulletin that you can download from the ParaPro Home Page tells you how you can qualify for this. Access information at the **ParaPro Home Page.** Click on "Find a Test Date." Those dates with an asterisk (\*) are the dates when the testing for PLNE is available.